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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

My wife and I selected TracFone because of its low-cost plan and our interest in making cellular phone calls for emergencies only. Prior to our purchase of this product, we did not own a cell phone due to the high monthly fees. Your proposal will increase our monthly bill by 12.5% which is nearly 6 times the annual inflation rate.

It seems silly to increase the cost of cellular phone usage while you are requiring wireless carriers to add position location features for 911 calls. A \$1.00 increase in monthly costs will prevent some users from not only being able to afford GPS-locating features but even 911 capabilities at all (most people don't know about a phone's ability to dial 911 even without service). If people don't buy a phone in the first place, they probably won't seek one for this purpose either.

Please reconsider!

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members